

Agriculture & Extension Education Committee Meeting
January 7, 2015
4:00 P.M.
Kewaunee County Administration Center
County Board Room

Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Review/Approval of Minutes
5. Citizen Input
6. Educators Reports – Written
7. Overtime
8. Approval – Travel
9. Approval – Bills
10. Set Future Committee Meeting Dates
11. Adjourn

The Committee welcomes all visitors to listen and observe, but only Committee members and those invited to speak will be permitted to do so. Persons with disabilities needing special accommodations to attend or participate should contact the County Administrator's Office at (920) 388-7164 prior to the meeting so that accommodations may be arranged.

A majority of the members of the County Board of Supervisors or any of its committees including: Finance & Public Property, Personnel, Advisory & Legislative, Health, Child Support, & Veterans Service, Human Services, Aging Services Unit Advisory, Extension Education, County Farm, & Zoning, Law Enforcement & Emergency Management, Land & Water Conservation, Highway & Solid Waste, Promotion & Recreation, May be present at this meeting to listen, observe, and participate. If a majority of any such committee is present, their presence constitutes a "meeting" under the Open Meeting Law as interpreted in State ex rel. Badke v. Greendale Village Board, 173 Wis. 2d 553 (1993), even though the visiting body will take no action at this meeting.

Aerica Bjurstrom
Agriculture Agent
Prepared for January 7, 2015

Farm Technology Days – Attended the annual all-county Farm Technology Days annual meeting. The meeting brings together host counties from the current year and coming three years. Committees and host farms for 2014, 2015, 2016, and 2017 were in attendance this year. The meeting gave committee chairs and executive committee chairs the opportunity to meet with upcoming and past host counties to discuss their process of organization, collaborate on ideas, and learn more about how to make the show a success. Kewaunee County will attend the annual meeting each year through 2017.

Nuclear Drill – Participated in the Point Beach nuclear drill. I am the lead for agriculture during the drill and address topics such as the procedures for livestock care in the event of a nuclear event. I work closely with my counterpart in Manitowoc County during the drill and representatives at the Department of Agriculture. Davina Bonness participated in the drill this year and assisted me with agriculture procedures.

Agriculture Research – Helped start a new research project in Kewaunee County which will evaluate calf feeding equipment for sanitation. The project is being directed by the Oconto County Agriculture Agent, and she is cooperating with farms all over Northeast Wisconsin. The project will get a baseline on different aspects of feeding equipment, water quality, and calf health. Suggestions for improving sanitation will be made after results are established, and follow-up samples will be taken after implementation.

Farm Calls – Visited farms in Kewaunee and Door County regarding modernization and ventilation. I am making suggestions based off my observations, however a follow-up visit with David Kammel, UW-Extension Biological Systems Engineer will take place in January. I also met with one producer at the office about licensing a new product and additional resources he needs for his agriculture business.

End of Year Reporting/Program Planning – Finished up end-of-year reporting. Reporting includes summarizing the year in statistics, projects, and outcomes. Several UW-Extension programs are in the planning process. One program we are particularly excited about is a new program focusing on middle managers at dairy farms. This program has been in the planning process for about a year and it will address being a new leader on the farm, time management, interpersonal skills, and many more topics middle managers need to address on a daily basis. The program is being offered at three locations (Green Bay, Wausau, and Fond du Lac) and will be offered in English and Spanish.

Other programs being planned are the Midwest Manure Summit, Dairy Modernization meeting, Dairy & Beef Well-Being Conference, Feed Efficiency meeting, and with the absence of a Door County Agriculture Agent, I will be teaching Pesticide Applicator Training in Kewaunee and Door Counties this coming spring.

Kewaunee County 4-H Youth Development Extension Update

Jill Jorgensen, 4-H Youth Development Agent

January 7, 2015

4-H Teen Association: The 4-H Teen Association took part in the annual Kewaunee County Toys for Tots campaign. The group has worked with the program for the last 4 years. I worked with the youth to make this a service learning project for the group. Service learning goes beyond community service and engages the members at levels of the service process. One of the major activities that they plan is children's area. This year the activity area child friendly, hands-on activities like decorating cookies, making crafts, and playing games. The children's area allows a parent the time to choose gifts for their family and keep it a surprise.

For the Toys for Tots campaign the 4-H Teen Association issues a challenge to the 4-H community clubs to collect as many gifts as a club as possible. On a specified night, the clubs deliver the toys. They are counted and sorted for delivery to the Toys for Tots program. The teen association sponsors a movie party basket for the group that collects the most toys per member. In addition to toys, this year collected hats and mittens as well. The teen association wanted to make sure that kids had access to warm winter gear in addition to the toys that they receive.

Distribution day is the highlight of this service-learning project. The start of the day begins with the Teen Association helping the Toys for Tots volunteers by unloading, sorting, and grouping the toys for the event. Also, during this time, they set-up their children's activity area to ensure that it is ready to go when the children arrive with their parents. The teens helped sort and set-up the gifts that the children chose for the parents, and collected the food box donations from a local church. Additionally, some of the teen association members were able to go shopping with additional toys with Toys for Tots adult volunteers. When it came time to distribute the toys, some the teens worked with adult volunteers to hand out the toys and others worked in the children's activity area. Two of the teens worked with the Spanish speaking youth and adults to help with communication about the different activities.

After the day was over, the teen had many observations. Some of them commented on how important it was to support people in our community, especially children, in need. Others commented on what they learned about themselves through working with the program. For others, it helped them realize the impact programs like this have on other's lives.

4-H Club and Committee Charter Renewal Process: I submitted all of the 4-H charters and financial documents that need to be filed with the State 4-H Office. The state office reviewed and accepted the Kewaunee County documents as complete. These documents are then put on file for further review with the IRS as needed.

District Meeting: I had the opportunity to attend the East-Metro Regional Meeting. This is an opportunity to work with colleagues from throughout the district and participate in ongoing education. Our speakers will be Justin Hougham and Toby Grabs from Upham Woods, facilitated an educational session on "An Introduction to Teambuilding Facilitation Skills." In addition, Regional Director, Gerald Correthers joined the group to touch base with us from the Regional office.

Upcoming Events

Project Day: The Kewaunee County annual Project Day planning is under way for 2015. The event is tentatively planned for Saturday, February 28th from 9:30am until 2:45 pm. We are currently seeking older youth and adult presenters as well as volunteers willing to help with the day's activities. Last year we had over 100 youth (both 4-H and non 4-H members) participate and this year we are anticipating more participants. Not only does the program provide the youth with new life-skills, but it also is a good method for promoting the 4-H program in Kewaunee County.

Winter Leadership Camp: Plans are underway for the 2015 Winter Leadership Camp. Eastern district agents are collaborating to help middle school youth improve their leadership skills focusing on teamwork, communication, decision-making, and planning and organizing through hands-on, interactive workshops. In addition to attending leadership sessions, youth will participate in a variety of recreational choices. I will be presenting workshops on communication and creating a fun 4-H experience. Up to four youth and a chaperone will be able to attend this training.



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Kewaunee County Agriculture & Extension Committee

Renee Koenig, Family Living Educator, UW-Extension

Activities Report for January 7, 2015

eParenting High Tech Kids – The Kewaunee Elementary School is partnering with me on a pilot project involving more than 20 schools across Wisconsin. The project called eParenting®: High-Tech Kids is a method of providing parenting information and support to parents via email messages and a website blog. UW-Extension has developed the content of the email messages and blog posts and the school district will send the messages to school families on a weekly basis January through May.

Lunchtime Fitness Class - I am offering to teach Strong Bones exercise classes for all county employees during lunch break. I am modifying and condensing the 1-hour class to make workplace wellness more accessible for county employees. The classes are designed to improve balance, increase flexibility, improve bone density, increase muscle strength and benefit mental health.

Home & Community Education (HCE) - I continue to provide an advisory role and offer education on leadership development.

Raising a Thinking Child – Starting in January, I will be teaching this parenting class and I have teamed up with Algoma Elementary School to offer it onsite at the school. The class is 12 hours spread out over 8 weeks. Parents of children ages 4-7 are the target audience. The Algoma School District has provided matching funds to cover the cost of the parents' workbooks in order to provide the class at no cost to parents.

End of Year Reporting – I completed a series of required reports including civil rights data tracking, program outcome reports, impact statements and counts of individual contacts during 2014.

Kewaunee County Agriculture and Extension Committee
Activities Report for December, 2014
Claire Thompson, Community Development Educator
Kewaunee County Cooperative Extension

Local Food System Economy:

- Facilitation support to develop Farm Technology Days Food Committee.
- Continued support to Farm Market Kitchen with education, facilitation and technical assistance to the FMK board and staff on an as-needed basis to help launch a new processor with a number of products.
- Continued facilitator/liaison role between SLO Farmers Co-op and Wisconsin Local Food Network to implement a Farm to Hospital program in Northeast Wisconsin in cooperation with the SLO Farmers Co-op and NWTC. This project will continue into 2015.

Organizational Development:

- Commenced facilitation assistance for Door Leadership Strategic Planning effort.
- Commenced facilitation and research support for Door-Kewaunee Counties 2015 Legislative Days event scheduled for April 15-16, 2015.

Economic Development:

- Provided business planning education and facilitation to one entrepreneur considering opening businesses in Kewaunee County.

Other:

- Provided hiring committee leadership for a new specialist position at the Center for Community & Economic Development at UW-Extension.
- Participated as a Public Information Office for the Point Beach Power Plant Nuclear drill.
- Participated in Kewaunee county Safety Training.
- Year-end reporting and administrative duties associated with Department Head role.